Statement re: Chitties in the State.

138 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL. (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of chitties registered under the Travancore Chitties Act;

(*b*) the number of such chitties still running ; and

(*c*) the total capital of such chitties?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (*a*) 15,903.

(*b*) 1,449.

(*c*) Rs. 28·43 lakhs.

(The above figures relate to the last day of 1115)

Ayurvedic Examinations.

139. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a committee consisting of six members was constituted in 1115 for preparing a detailed curriculam for the various Ayurvedic examinations to suit modern requirements ; and

(*b*) whether that committee was subsequently entrusted with the work of preparing a similar curriculam for the Siddha system and or considering the question ?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) That Committee, with two more co-opted members well-versed in Siddha system of treatment, was entrusted with the work mentioned.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the name of the Co-opted Members ?

MR. P.S.KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR :(1) Nityanandaswami, President of the All-Travancore Sidha Vaidya Sanghom, Munchira, Vilavancode.

(2) Dr. R. Arumughom L. I. M. (Siddha), Peoples' Dispensary, Karamana, Trivandrum.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the Committee has submitted its report ?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR : No.

Bad methods in fishing.

140. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the following methods and implements in fishing are disastrous to the development and multiplication of fish in inland waters :

(*a*) luring or attracting fish with brilliant lights ;

(*b*) draining through sluices ;

(*c*) using *madavala* while draining punja fields both inside and outside Verali Vali :

(*d*) prawns fishing with junghar dragging iron chain ;

(*e*) use of nets above 40 rows of knots per cubit ;

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(*f*) fishing within half a mile from and across the bar;
(*g*) close and simultaneous posting of stake nets; and
(*h*) poisoning waters?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) to (*d*) No.
(*e*) Yes.
(*f*) No.
(*g*) No,
(*h*) Yes.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: എ, ബി, സി. ഈ സമ്പ്രദായങ്ങൾ മൽസ്യവ്യവസായത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഹാനികരമാണെന്ന് തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: They are injurious but not disastrous,

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: വെരളിവലി എന്ന സംപ്രദായത്തെ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും നിരോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Yes, Sir.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: ഈ നിരോധനം എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും നീക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know what is meant by "Verali Vali"?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: It is a contraption whereby a rope with certain white strips of tender leaves of the cocoanut tree attached to it in the form of festoons is dragged into a loop in the water. Fish get frightened by the white colour and get encircled by the looping rope. They are then caught with nets.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ഇത് ഹാനികരമല്ലാ എന്ന് പറയാനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ്?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Perhaps I may make a more detailed statement. All the protection that ought to be given cannot be given by prohibiting instruments of fishing. A better plan would be to have closed seasons. That matter is under consideration.

Fishermen in Munambam.

141. ***MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the population of sea fishermen in the Munambam village in Parur taluk;

(*b*) the number of fishing boats and nets owned by the above;

(*c*) the quantity and value of fish produced by the above annually; and

(*d*) the amount of loss the above sustain annually due to competition from adjoining villages of Cochin State provided with fish curing yards selling salt at cheap rate?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: (*a*) *to* (*d*) The information asked for is not available.

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